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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of September 5, 2008, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on December 5, 2008, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection set forth in the Official Action, in view of the herein-contained remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.